

Mr. ADAMS. And that takes time and money and people, does it not?

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, sir.

Mr. ADAMS. And somebody to set up that program.

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, sir.

Mr. ADAMS. And that is part of your responsibility.

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, sir.

Mr. ADAMS. Now, I have looked at your job description here, and I would—again I agree with Mr. Fuqua and some of the others that we may want to talk to Mayor Washington about this, but it seems to me that you have a function that could have been carried out by the three commissioners. I mean Commissioner Washington has a function which could have been carried out by three commissioners so far as their power was concerned, is that not correct? In other words, the commissioners had the power to work with this police department in terms of policy and in terms of working with the Chief and so on, if they had had the time and so on to carry this out.

Mr. MURPHY. That has been my understanding, Congressman.

Mr. ADAMS. That is my understanding of it, too. And that Commissioner Washington is trying to solve the problems we have and all cities have with a police department by putting you in to work on this in addition to what Chief Layton has been doing, is that not correct?

Mr. MURPHY. That is my understanding, Congressman.

Mr. ADAMS. Right. Now, a lot has been brought out about what relationship you may have with Chief Layton or not have, and so on, but you also are spending some time with the courts, as I understand it, in trying to both arrange scheduling and talk about the felony backlog that we have here, and so on, is that not correct?

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, Congressman. I have not been able to give it as much time as I would like, but I look forward to spending more time on that problem.

Mr. ADAMS. And one of the problems that has existed in the past is that Chief Layton has not had time with the operation and the other things to do this. There just physically has not been time, has there?

Mr. MURPHY. The responsibilities of a Chief of Police are overwhelming in my experience, very time-consuming.

Mr. ADAMS. That is what I understand. Now, you also came to this office after being Assistant Director of the Office of Law Enforcement Assistance for the United States, is that not correct?

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, sir.

Mr. ADAMS. And in that job, you have dealt with police departments throughout the entire nation.

Mr. MURPHY. That is correct, Congressman.

Mr. ADAMS. And so what you are trying to bring to the Department here is experience in things you have learned in working with the other Nations' police departments to establish a professional force which I understand all the members of the International Association of Chiefs of Police are concerned with. This involves what to do with the Metropolitan Police Department, not in terms of criticism of the past but in terms of solving the multiplying problems of today, is that not correct?

Mr. MURPHY. That is correct.